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PROJECT APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT DIVISION
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the maximum limit of time for giving management advice by the Project Appraisal and Management Division (PAMD) has been fixed at four weeks;

(b) if so, the total number of proposals cleared with proposal notes during each of the last three years;

(c) whether in the recent past, the appraisal notes in some proposals were delayed beyond the stipulated period of four weeks;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the delay; and

(e) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to ensure that appraisal notes are issued within the time limit for different proposals sent by Ministries / Departments ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF S THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The total number of appraisal notes issued during the last 3 years is given below:

Year	Number of Notes issued
2000	121
2001	132
2002	107
2003 (up to 30th June 2003)	118
Total	478

(c): Yes, Sir. But, this has not delayed the processing of EFC/PIB cases for obtainingapproval. As per the existing guidelines on the subject, Ministries are free to hold EFC/PIBMeetings immediately after the 4 weeks period is over and PAMD would, in such cases, provide management advice / appraisal note in the EFC/PIB Meeting itself.

(d): The pendency position of the proposals received for appraisal is reviewed every week; and at the end of the month, a report of proposals pending beyond 4 weeks, as on the last day of the preceding month, is prepared and submitted as Monthly Progress Report of the Division. Out of 478 proposals appraised during the period 1.1.2000 to 30.06.2003, 99 proposals were delayed beyond 4 weeks time. Main reasons for this delay were as follows:

- bunching of the proposals sent by Ministries/ Department in big lots,
- shortage of staff in the Division
- pre-occupation of subject matter Divisions in Planning Commission with other work of urgent nature.
- Complicated nature of some of the projects, particularly, where linked projects are involved, and
- Integrated operations involving other units / undertakings.

(e): Ministries / Departments have been advised to send the proposals to PAMD as andwhen they are ready instead of sending them

in bunches and not to press for issuance of appraisal notes in a day or two from the date of receipt of EFC/PIB/EBR Memo, as it delays the appraisal of projects already in the pipeline.

All Principal Advisers / Advisers / Heads of Divisions, in Planning Commission havebeen requested to adhere to the time limits prescribed while processing the proposals / projects for issuance of appraisal notes.

Steps are underway for strengthening the Division.